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Dockets Management Branch (HFA-305) Food and Drug Administration 5630 Fishers Lane, Room 1061 Rockville, Maryland 20852

RE: Docket No 98N-1038, Irradiation in the Production, Processing and Handling of Food

We support the current requirement of the FDA that the irradiation labels be truthful and not misleading and that they be prominently displayed on any food stuff so treated.

We agree with the recommendation by the Center for Science in the Public Interest regarding labeling of irradiated foods: "any foods, or any foods containing ingredients that have been treated by irradiation, should be labeled with a written statement on the principal display panel indicating The statement should be easy to such treatment. read and placed in close proximity to the name of the food and accompanied by the international symbol. Ιf the food is unpackaged. information should be clearly displayed on a poster in plain view and adjacent to where the product is displayed for sale."

Please retain the symbol so as to make sure it is clearly understandable at the point of purchase for every one. We treat so many patients with illnesses that are a direct result of the life style they lead and we feel the improvement of health of the American citizen involves consumption of high nutrient value foods that are fresh and uncontaminated.

Sincerely,

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